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SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

400 Central Avenue (R.

Sliskin); SAM SAIA;

SAM MARTINA

(Nola Printing Company)

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Re report of SA STUART E. SCHEER at New Orleans dated

5/5/61.

NO 1082 - C advised on July 24, 1961, that SAM SAIA, a well known New Orleans handbook operator now operating in Jefferson Parish, habitually places runners or agents in various barrooms throughout the city to collect bets. Source advised that SAIA has a runner at the Old Gem Bar, 127 Royal Street, and Don's Bar, 141 Royal Street. Source advised that the management accepts a payment for permitting these agents to use facilities of the barroom but has no control over the actual booking arrangements. Source advised that the usual payment for using these facilities is approximately \$75.00 a month, plus the business which would develop by vertue of the individuals making wagerers come into the bar. Source advised that he did not know the location through which the individuals taking the bets place them with SAIA; however, he stated that no records are kept by the individual taking the bet. They are immediately telephoned to a central location in an effort to prevent the New Orleans Police Department from effecting an arrest with sufficient evidence to charge the individual booking at these locations.

Source advised that it is not necessarily the same individual operating at the barroom on consecutive days. source also advised that the individual taking the bet would normally appear to be a customer occupying one of the stools in the vicinity of the telephone.

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